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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111.

This paper is in response to the October 21, 2004 Office Action in connection with the above-referenced application. Please enter the following amendments and consider the remarks below. A response is due February 21, 2005 with a one month extension of time. February 21, 2005 is a federal holiday therefore this response is due February 22, 2005 and is hereby timely filed. Applicant submits concurrently herewith a Petition for Extension of Time for one month, up to and including February 21, 2005, with the appropriate fee.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any SMALL ENTITY fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same to Deposit Account No. 502648, Reference No. Cura 438. Applicants claim SMALL ENTITY status.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.